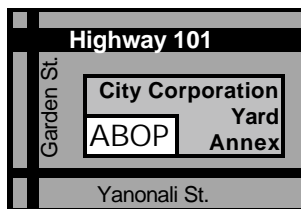




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ABOP Recycling Center Now Open!



ABOP Recycling Center
401 E. Yanonali Street
Santa Barbara
(805) 560-7505

Hours of operation:
Saturdays 9a.m. – 3p.m.
Sundays 10a.m. – 2p.m.

Santa Barbara's newest recycling center is now open for business, and ready to accept your household hazard wastes. The initials ABOP stand for Antifreeze, Batteries, Oil, and Latex Paint. All of these materials can be dropped off at the ABOP Recycling Center, where the city will recycle or dispose of them in a safe and lawful manner.

Safety First!



Please remember that antifreeze, batteries, oil, and paint must never be discarded with your regular trash, because they pose potential dangers to public health and the environment.

Inside Santa Barbara, City TV – Channel 18

Airing this Month:

- MTD Service Changes
- Life Chronicles
- Parks and Recreation's Resident Discount Card
- Granada Theater Restoration
- The Arts Fund's Teen Arts Mentor Program

For more information, contact City TV Production Supervisor Tony Ruggieri at City Television – Channel 18: (805) 564-5311; truggieri@ci.santa-barbara.ca.us; or visit www.citytv18.com.

Inside Santa Barbara
November program
begins: **Wednesday,**
Nov. 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Airs throughout the month

Mon.	8:00 p.m.
Tues.	5:00 p.m.
Wed.	6:30 p.m.
Sat.	9:00 p.m.
Sun.	10:30 p.m.

Preventing Sewer Back-ups

Ugh! Sewer back-ups are not only unpleasant and inconvenient to deal with, but they can also result in costly damage. Here are a few simple steps to help prevent the problem from occurring on your property.

Routine Maintenance

Regular maintenance of your lateral line will prevent obstructed flow. This is the outside piping that takes water and waste from your house to the city sewer line. Roots from trees, large shrubs, and plants are attracted to water. So if your lateral line is cracked, roots will gravitate towards the water source, enter the line, and eventually interfere with the flow. Other factors that can affect flow are the age and material of your lateral line.

Backwater Valve

A backwater valve can be installed onto some lateral lines to prevent sewer back-ups. This device is required by law under certain circumstances. Homes, businesses, and other structures with drainage fixtures such as a shower pan, tub, toilet, or sink rim that are located below the elevation of the next upstream man-hole cover, are required to install and maintain an "approved" backwater valve. Installing a backwater valve requires a permit. Contact a licensed plumber to determine the need for this device or a suitable alternative.

If you already have a backwater valve, call a licensed plumber to verify that it is in good working order.

Helpful Tips

- ✓ Avoid disposing of bulky trash items into the city sewer through toilets, sinks, or storm drains. Back-ups can result because your property's lateral line may be as small as three inches in diameter.
- ✓ Do not dispose of oil, fat, or grease into the city sewer through toilets, sinks, or storm drains. It is against the Municipal Code for **anyone** to dispose of these substances – regardless of the source – through a sewer. Commercial operations such as restaurants are required to have a grease trap. Industrial waster generators are required to install a pro-treatment facility to process waste prior to disposal.
- ✓ If you are not the property owner and want to protect against potential uninsurable damage to your personal property, share these maintenance and preventive tips with your landlord, manager, or the property owner.

For questions or more information, contact a licensed plumber, or Water Resources at (805) 564-5413. For permit information, contact Building and Safety at (805) 564-5485.



Getting Connected

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*Automotive Products, Batteries, Used Motor Oil and Filters, Latex Paints